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Hay Prices

Nevada: Hay prices for April were up for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$160.00 per ton, is up \$9.00 from March and up \$63.00 from last April. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$160.00 per ton and all other hay at \$135.00 per ton. March hay prices were \$150.00 for all hay, \$151.00 for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, and \$129.00 for all other hay.

United States: On the national level for April, prices were up from March for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$141.00 per ton, is up \$17.00 from March and \$33.00 from last April. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$155.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$103.00 per ton. March hay prices for the U.S. were \$124.00 for all hay, \$136.00 for alfalfa hay, and \$97.30 for all other hay.

Quarterly Milk Production

The January-March 2011 quarterly milk production for Nevada totaled 151 million pounds unchanged from the January – March quarter last year. During the first quarter of 2011, the average number of milk cows in Nevada, at 28,000, is unchanged from last year and last quarter.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 48.4 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 70,000 head more than the same period last year.

April Weather Summary

April began with mostly warm spring like days and above normal temperatures. This quickly gave way to several cold low pressure systems that brought breezy conditions and scattered precipitation. Temperatures ranged from 4.0 degrees below normal to 0.5 degrees above normal. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 93 degrees while Elko only reached a high of 72 degrees. Ely recorded the lowest temperature of the month at 10 degrees. Ely recorded the most precipitation with 2.07 inches. Nevada river basin snow water content range from 173 to 238 percent of average. Cold temperatures slowed pasture and range growth. Field preparations and spring grain planting were slowed by wet fields. Livestock were beginning to move to spring grazing lands. Calving and lambing advanced and were nearing completion. Main farm and ranch activities: ditch burning, calving, lambing, branding, grain planting, weed spraying, and dragging meadows.

Weather data for stations in Nevada for April 2011

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	MonthlyAvg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	49.0	+0.4	81	26	0.11	-0.24	0.05
Elko	41.2	-3.4	72	20	1.55	+0.74	0.66
Ely	40.0	-2.2	73	10	2.07	+1.17	1.24
Winnemucca	42.7	-4.0	74	17	1.95	+1.10	0.58
Eureka	41.5	-1.2	76	14	0.99	+0.30	0.25
Tonopah	47.3	-1.9	80	19	0.06	-0.36	0.05
Las Vegas	66.5	+0.5	93	41	0.00	-0.15	0.00

Nevada Cattle and Calves; Production, Disposition, and Income

Nevada ranchers realized gross income of over \$220 million in 2010, an increase of 13 percent from 2009. The value of production was up 15 percent and cash receipts from marketings rose 13 percent.

Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Supply and Disposition, Nevada, 2001-2010

Year	Cattle	All Calves Born	Inshipments	Marketings		Farm Slaughter	Deaths	
	Jan.1			Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
	-----1,000 Head-----							
2001	520	225	67	200	91	2	6	13
2002	500	220	57	170	76	2	6	13
2003	510	235	58	172	100	2	6	13
2004	510	210	78	187	90	2	6	13
2005	500	210	73	173	89	2	6	13
2006	500	205	56.5	176	89	2	5	13
2007	480	205	50.5	186	81	2	5	12.5
2008	450	210	48.5	161	79	2	5	11.5
2009	450	210	75	178	88	2	5	12
2010	450	210	78	173	86	2	5	12

Cattle and Calves: Production and Income, Nevada, 2001-2010¹

Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts ¹	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	----- Thousand Lbs. ----		----- Thousand \$-----			
2001	176,140	235,000	146,911	192,470	2,412	194,882
2002	171,090	199,000	123,866	142,471	2,097	144,568
2003	171,335	210,600	151,734	182,691	2,514	185,205
2004	163,310	221,600	159,252	211,140	2,796	213,936
2005	160,885	207,200	166,197	209,560	2,972	212,532
2006	156,440	210,200	151,803	200,442	2,772	203,214
2007	166,035	217,200	149,348	199,855	2,710	202,565
2008	177,745	207,200	156,294	185,168	2,782	187,950
2009	182,550	229,500	148,730	192,441	2,626	195,067
2010	181,210	223,200	171,771	217,776	3,030	220,806

¹ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

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